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On: JULY EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . July 2007 egg production in Texas totaled 418 million eggs, down slightly from July 2006 but up 3 percent from June 2007, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during July averaged 18.5 million, down from last year but up from June 2007's 18.4 million. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,259 eggs, up from last year's 2,246 eggs and up 2 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.2 million, up 3 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.57 billion eggs during July 2007, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, 1.07 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 66 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during July 2007, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from July 2006.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 35.6 million, up 9 percent from July 2006. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 821 million, was up 2 percent from July of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.91 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2007, up 7 percent from July 2006.